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SUBJ: TRANSITIONAL QUARTER IV NOMINATION

REF: (A) BAMA KO 2928 (B) BAMA KO 2590

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES SIDI COULIBALY, CHIEF OF CABINET, MINISTRY OF PLAN, AS ALTERNATE TO KOKE DEMBELE (REF B) OR ZANA DAO (REF A) SHOULD EITHER NOT BE ABLE TO COMMENCE TRAVEL IN TRANSITIONAL QUARTER.

2. BIO DATA: BORN OCT 15, 1940, AT GAO, SON OF MALIAN OFFICIAL IN FRENCH COLONIAL GOVT; PRIMARY SCHOOL AT KOUTIALA; SECONDARY STUDIES AT LYCEE TERRASSON DE FOUGERES, BAMA KO, GRADUATING TOP OF HIS CLASS IN MATHEMATICS; ATTENDED SUCCESSIVELY FACULTY OF LAW AND ECONOMIC SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES, PARIS, THEN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC STUDIES, PARIS, EARNING "LICENSE" IN ECONOMIC SCIENCE, "DIPLOME" IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND TITLE OF ENGINEER IN ECONOMIC STATISTICS. IN 1967 COULIBALY NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MALIAN STATISTICAL SERVICES. SAME YEAR HE ATTENDED TWO-MONTH IMF COURSE IN WASHINGTON ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS METHODOLOGY. IN 1968 HE SERVED BRIEFLY IN PLAN MINISTRY, THEN WAS NAMED AS "CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE" TO PRESIDENT TRAORE SOON AFTER MILITARY COUP. AS "CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE", COULIBALY SERVED AS RIGHT-HAND MAN ON PRESIDENT TRAORE'S PERSONAL STAFF ADVISING HIM ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. IN AUGUST 1971, COULIBALY NAMED MINISTER

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OF PRODUCTION, MUCH TO HIS SURPRISE. IN 1975 MINISTER-

IAL CHANGE, HE LOST HIS PORTFOLIO BUT RETAINED AN
IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE ADMINISTRATION AS CHIEF OF
CABINET, MINISTRY OF PLAN.

3. JUSTIFICATION: MR. COULIBALY IS NO. 3 MAN IN THE
NEW MINISTRY OF PLAN AND A KEY CONTACT FOR EMBASSY'S
DAY TO DAY RELATIONS WITH THIS MINISTRY WHICH IS IN
CHARGE OF COORDINATING DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE AND
IT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A TARGET MINISTRY IN THE EMBASSY'S
COUNTRY PLAN FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES.

4. PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS: SAME AS FOR ZANA DAO
(REF A).
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